

THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen Meeting
Council Chambers - 10 N. Bemiston Avenue
October 11, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance:

Aldermen: Michelle Harris, Andrea Maddox-Dallas (arrived 7:01p.m.), Cynthia Garnholz and Mark Winings

Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman
City Manager Owens
City Attorney O'Keefe (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)

Absent: Linda Goldstein, Steve Lichtenfeld

Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman asked for any questions or comments relating to the September 27, 2011 minutes, which were previously provided to the Board.

Alderman Harris moved to approve the September 27, 2011 minutes. Alderman Garnholz seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

None

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLATION ON UNIVERSITY LANE AND THE RELOCATION OF A FIRE HYDRANT ON WYDOWN FOR THE WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

City Manager Owens reported that a new fire hydrant is required for the new Wydown Middle School building located at 6500 Wydown Boulevard. The Clayton Fire Code requires a minimum water flow of 1,500 gallons per minute at 20 PSI to meet the life safety needs of the new school. The current water flow in the area does not meet this standard. To meet the requirements a new 8 inch water main extension connecting the water main on Wydown Boulevard to the water main on Aberdeen Place and the addition of a fire hydrant on University Lane is recommended by Missouri American Water Company. The exact location of the fire hydrant on University Lane will be coordinated by the Clayton Fire Chief with Missouri American Water and the Clayton Public Works Department. The new 8 inch main extension creates an additional interconnection in the areas water supply improving the available water supply to all the area residents.

Additionally, an existing hydrant on the south side of Wydown Boulevard in front of the current school building needs to be relocated as part of this project. The exact site of the relocated fire

hydrant on Wydown Boulevard has not yet been determined but will be identified by City Staff before installation by Missouri American Water Company.

Recommendation is to approve the ordinance authorizing the installation and relocation of the fire hydrants for the Wydown Middle School Project.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6285, an ordinance providing for the approval of the installation of a new fire hydrant on University Lane between Wydown Terrace and Wydown Boulevard in the City of Clayton to be read for the first time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman's question, Chief Mark Thorp stated that there is a water main already in the location and that the Fire Department or Public Works will choose the location of installation. He said that staff's preference is to have it installed on the west side of University Lane which they feel is the best location.

City Manager Owens reads Bill No. 6285, an ordinance providing for the approval of the installation of a new fire hydrant on University Lane between Wydown Terrace and Wydown Boulevard in the City of Clayton for the first time by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman Harris introduced Bill No. 6285, an ordinance providing for the approval of the installation of a new fire hydrant on University Lane between Wydown Terrace and Wydown Boulevard in the City of Clayton to be read for the second time by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

City Manager Owens reads Bill No. 6285 for the second time; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; and Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6168 of the City of Clayton.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)

City Manager Owens reported that National standards require that firefighting Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) be replaced every ten years. This requirement is based on fire fighter safety and improvements in SCBA capabilities. The Fire Department last purchased SCBAs in 1999. Some upgrades were completed in 2003 with grant funding which has allowed us to stretch the safe use of our current SCBAs. New regulations and the ten year standard are currently not being met. The proposed expenditure is for a planned replacement of all SCBAs and was budgeted for \$108,000 in FY 2011.

The Fire Department has been working with the cities of Maplewood & Richmond Heights on a joint purchase replacement of SCBAs. Extensive meetings took place among representatives of the three cities from April of this year to the present. This included extensive research of SCBA manufacturers, discussions of interoperability among departments and pricing to meet each city's budget. The cities developed a joint specification for the required equipment which was reviewed by each entity's Finance Department. The City of Richmond Heights oversaw issuing and receiving the required bids for the equipment for all three communities. Two responsive bids for the SCBA equipment were received. After discussions with both Maplewood and Richmond Heights it was determined that Franco Emergency Solutions, LLC, an authorized

sales representative for Scott Safety, submitted the lowest bid and “best” bid to meet the needs of the fire fighters. “Best” bid is based on compatibility of SCBA with other local fire departments, product reliability statistics and the City’s ability to utilize repair parts already on hand.

This project was funded in the City’s budget for FY2011, but due to timing issues with the joint specification, bidding and purchase process the purchase was not able to be made in FY 2011. The approved funds were not spent and we are recommending that they be reapproved in the FY 2012 Budget and reflected in the first quarter budget amendment. Current bid pricing is \$111,881.06 with \$6,250 allotted for trade-in of current SCBA for net total expenditures of \$105,631. We are requesting a contingency fund of \$2,368 for any unforeseen equipment needs or changes in trade-in values at time of final sale. If approved, the previously budgeted total cost of \$108,000 will not be exceeded.

Recommendation is to approve the resolution authorizing the expenditure for the planned replacement of the Fire Department SCBA as submitted.

Alderman Harris moved move to approve Resolution No. 11-37, for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH GERSHENSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE WYDOWN CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CDBG)

City Manager Owens reported that bids were opened at 2:00 pm on September 27, 2011, for the Wydown Curb Ramp Improvement Project. The City received one responsive from Gershenson Construction in the amount of \$61,617.10.

The scope of work includes the removal and replacement of curb ramps, sidewalks, and curb and gutter in order to improve accessibility along Wydown Boulevard. Traffic control, restoration, and other incidental items are included.

This project will be fully-funded by a Community Development Block Grant. The Public Works Department has been coordinating with the Community Development Office of St. Louis County in order to gain appropriate approvals throughout the design and bidding process. St. Louis County will directly pay Gershenson Construction for their work through the Community Development Block Grant administration process.

Funding is available from both the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years, and the Office of Community Development allowed one set of bid documents. However, they requested that the bid form be split into two years, thus a base bid (2010 funding) and alternate bid (2011 funding) appeared on the bid form. The available funding is \$30,825 for FY 2010 and \$22,500 for FY 2011, for a total of \$53,325. Bid documents stipulated that the project scope would be reduced should bids come in over budget. Since the low bid was \$61,617.10 and only \$53,325 is available, three curbs ramps will be removed from the scope, reducing the contract value to \$51,429.10.

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval of the contract for \$51,429.10, which represents the prorated bid submitted by Gershenson Construction. In addition, the Director of Public Works requests authorization for the City Manager or his designee to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$1,895.90, which represents the balance of grant funding. This contingency would be used in the event of unforeseen site conditions.

Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution authorizing a contract with Gershenson Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$51,429.10, plus a contingency of \$1,895.90 for the Wydown Curb Ramp Improvement Project.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman's question, Mike Pratt stated that they will be replacing existing ramps as well as installing new ramps. He noted that the pricing may seem to be a little more than expected, but the costs also include removal and restoration of sidewalks.

Alderman Harris moved to approve Resolution No. 11-38, a contract with Gershenson Construction Company, Inc. for the Wydown Curb Ramp Improvement Project. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF INFRASTRUCTURE HARDWARE FOR THE CITY HALL IT DATA CENTER PROJECT

City Manager Owens reported that as outlined in the Information Technology Master Plan, the IT Department is ready to proceed with the "hardware equipment refresh" segment of the City Hall data center project. This segment will conclude Part One of the City's IT Infrastructure upgrade. The existing infrastructure hardware is aging, at capacity, and is not compliant with current technology standards. The planned infrastructure hardware purchase consists of the enterprise-class, high-capacity equipment necessary to ensure reliable operations for the City's increasing technology requirements while positioning the City to accommodate anticipated growth.

All hardware is to be purchased from the current State of Missouri's Prime Vendor Source and consists of a core network switch, blade server system, three blade servers, and a storage area network (SAN). The total cost for the infrastructure refresh is \$276,600. This cost includes all related hardware, software, management utilities, licensing, installation and configuration services by certified HP engineers, and the first year of support and maintenance for all components. Of this total cost, the City will pay \$259,660 and the CRSWC will contribute \$16,940.

Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of the infrastructure refresh solution in the amount of \$276,600.

In response to Board's questions, City Manager Owens stated that staff looked in to outsourcing or a "cloud", but when the analysis was done the benefits weren't there. He said that the City would still need most of the storage of equipment on site. He said that storage is currently at the police station (227 N. Central) and that this storage will be a redundancy, but there will also be storage at the new police building. He said that the storage also serves The Center of Clayton as well adding that the decision was allocated based on the number of users. Robin Zlatic confirmed to the Board that they perform two data backups per week.

Alderman Harris moved to approve Resolution No. 11-39, for the purchase of infrastructure hardware for the City Hall Information Technology Data Center Project. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF A MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT
APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE TENNIS COURTS IN SHAW PARK

City Manager Owens reported that the Shaw Park Tennis Center is a well utilized facility with over 15,000 patrons playing on the courts in 2010. It is also the home court of the Clayton High School Tennis Team. But, as the Board is aware, the courts at Shaw Park Tennis Center are in dire need of replacement. Cracks continue to appear, in spite of repair work that is done on an annual basis; and the surface itself has begun to peel. This replacement project, which has been delayed due to budgetary constraints, is now a priority for the City of Clayton. The project will include the demolition of the current courts and replacement with a post-tension concrete tennis court system. One advantage to this type of surface is the longevity of the courts; they generally last 25 years. Funding for this project is included in the recently adopted FY2012 budget, but this grant would help offset the total project cost, which is estimated at \$750,000.

The City is in the process of selecting a design firm to prepare construction documents and will be putting the project out to bid in early 2012. This project had the highest score when ranked for this year's capital budget. By receiving the desired grant we will be able to reduce the cost to the city which, as the Board knows, is proposed to be paid for as one of the debt financing projects this year. Staff would like to move forward with a Municipal Park Grant Application to fund up to \$232,000 of this work; the maximum amount allowable for our city based on our population.

Recommendation is to approve the resolution authorizing submittal of the grant application.

Alderman Harris moved to approve Resolution No. 11-40, and authorize submittal of a municipal parks grant application for replacement of the tennis courts in Shaw Park. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Other

Mayor Pro Tempore Goodman reported to the Board that the plans for the 2013 Centennial celebration are moving forward. She has met with Elizabeth Robb and they are looking at the events that are scheduled for 2013 to try to include a centennial theme into each of those events. She said that they are planning to invite the public to contribute ideas for celebrating the 100 year anniversary in the community and also she encouraged the Board to submit their ideas.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk